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To reduce the stock we have decided to offer for two weeks,

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Dividend No. 2.

The regular monthly dividend of one-half a cent a share, being at the rate of six per cent per annum, is hereby declared by order of the Board of Directors of Medina Gold Mining Company, "State of Washington" for the month of February, payable February 25, to stockholders of record at the close of business on February 20th, 1903.

Dividend checks are payable at the Hampshire County National Bank of Northampton, Mass., or at the Farmers & Traders' National Bank, New York City, as holders may elect. Transfer for checks will close February 20th, and reopen March 2nd, 1903.

Having disposed of 15,000 shares during the month of January, of the 20,000 offered at 15 cents, the company offers any part of the remaining 5,000 shares at the same price.

Parties subscribing before February 20th are entitled to the February dividend. The price of the stock is subject to a further advance to \$10.00 a share without notice. Full information on application to COLE SAUNDERS, Brattleboro, Mass., or M. H. SAWYER, Brooks House, Brattleboro.

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(Mention this paper)

Teachers' Examinations.

The spring examinations for Windham county will be held as follows:

Newfane, March 2-3

South Londonderry, March 4-5

Wilmington, March 10-11

Bellevue Falls, April 7-8

Brattleboro, April 13-14

All candidates for examination personally unknown to the county examiner, shall furnish a testimonial of good moral character and satisfactory evidence of ability to govern. Attendance both days is required. Attention is also called to the fact that a summer school will be held in this county during the latter part of July.

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Pierpont Morgan is undoubtedly the most interesting figure before the world to-day. "Mr. Morgan, his Advisers and his Organization" are discussed at length in the January Cosmopolitan by John Brisson Walker, who spent ten days between Mr. Morgan's and Mr. John Mitchell's offices, in September, in the attempt to settle the coal-strike.

Wanted.

WANTED—An experienced girl for general housework. MRS. MORSE, 48 West 7th Ave.

WANTED—An experienced cook, who will also assist in laundry work. MRS. L. F. ADAMS, 23 Western Avenue.

WANTED—Soft wood lumber of all kinds. Either standing timber, or delivered at mill. HOLDEN & MARTIN, Brattleboro.

WANTED—At once, a competent engineer and fireman for stationary engine. Address H. C. The Phoenix, Newfane, Vt.

WANTED—NATIVE LUMBER OR LOGS: all kinds delivered at our mill, or will buy standing timber. THOS. A. SMITH CO.

WANTED—One high grade or thoroughbred Durham Bull, all red, one or two years old. HARTLEY C. CUSHING, Newfane, Vt.

AGENTS—Here's just the thing for permanent business. Hosiery, stocking feet, hose supporters, has to have them. Try it. N. E. HOSIERY CO., 12 State St., Springfield, Mass.

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Wanted. ENGINEER—Steady job for a competent reliable man. Also, a Carpenter. Work, also, also. The Carpenter Company.

Lumber Wanted Will pay highest price for one inch Bass Wood, also, also. The Carpenter Company.

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HELP WANTED—30 first-class machinists who understand their trade thoroughly and can do close and accurate work. None but men with previous experience and good character and ability need apply. VERMONT FARM MACHINE CO., Brattleboro, Vt.

Manager Wanted. A leading old line Life Insurance Company desires the services of an active and successful underwriter to act as manager for the counties of Bennington, Rutland, Windsor and Orange in the state of Vermont.

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For Sale. F. J. JOHN, 80 N. Newfane, Vt.

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FOR SALE—Quantity of stock hay. F. L. HOUGHTON, Putney, Vt.

FOR SALE—A second-hand upright piano, in perfect condition; a bargain. Address, Box 684, Brattleboro, Vt.

FOR SALE—Millinery business located in a thriving town, central location. Address, Chestnut St., Brattleboro, Vt.

FOR SALE—Two first-class machines, in good condition. Two large for my use. C. B. CROWELL, Brattleboro, Vt.

FOR SALE—15 high grade Durham heifers, coming fresh this spring, two years old; 1 pair fancy mated cows, 1 pair fine milk cows, 1 small bull, a few fat cattle. HARTLEY C. CUSHING, Newfane, Vt.

Farm for Sale. KNOWN as the John B. Stebbins farm in Brookfield, Vt., containing 125 acres nice and well improved, with 1000 ft. of lake frontage, etc., inquire of E. W. BLOOMGATE, Brattleboro, Vt.

To Rent. T. RENT—Tenement, J. G. NEWTON, 6 Thomas St.

T. RENT—For storage or other purposes, the building at the corner of South Main and Hudson streets. VALLEY GRASS CO.

T. RENT—Small house, first floor, on Main St., Brattleboro, Vt. MRS. E. S. MORSE, 20 Canal St.

Special Notices. NOTICE—All unsettled accounts must be paid on or before May 1, 1903. MINNIE MORRIS, Williams, Vt.

Notice to Millmen. WE are prepared to hammer circular saws, and guarantee them to do good work. THOS. A. SMITH CO., Brattleboro, Vt.

A Polyglot City. Prof. Buck of the philology department of the University of Chicago has been looking into the linguistic conditions of that city, with results that are somewhat astonishing. Of all the cities of the world, he regards Chicago as the front rank for cosmopolitanism, there being no less than fourteen languages, besides English, spoken there by colonies of at least 1000 persons each. Newspapers appear regularly in ten languages, and church services may be heard in twenty languages. Chicago is the second largest Bohemian city in the world, the third Swedish, the third Norwegian, the fourth Polish the fifth German. In all, there are some forty foreign languages spoken by numbers ranging from half a dozen to half a million, and aggregating over 1,000,000. Prof. Buck carried on his investigations by temporary residences in the various colonies in Chicago, which are really little cities within the metropolis, each speaking its own language, clinging to its hereditary customs. It is found, however, that the children can generally speak English, and that the grandchildren, as a rule, never learn the foreign language and speak only English.—Boston Herald.

Very Low Rate. FIFTY DOLLARS is the rate offered by the Canadian Pacific Railway to Seattle, Tacoma, Victoria, and other points on the Pacific coast, Feb. 15 to April 30.

Passengers by this route can go all the way from Boston and intermediate points, without change.

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Further information will be supplied to Seaboard Tourists by addressing H. J. Colvin, 362 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

The Vermont Phoenix.

BRATTLEBORO,

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1903.

The new department of commerce will have the distinction of dealing with the largest commercial interests of the world. In domestic exports, in manufacturing, in transportation, and international commerce the United States is at the head of the world's list of great nations. Figures just compiled by the treasury bureau of statistics, which by the new law becomes a part of the department of commerce, estimate the internal commerce of the country at \$20,000,000,000, or equal to the entire international commerce of the world.

Of the towns whose returns were officially accepted by the secretary of state 160 voted no and 80 voted yes. There are probably only three or four towns and perhaps none which voted no which will be carried for license in March, but a good per cent. of those in the yes column are doubtful, as many voters who do not want saloons in their own community looked upon the whole question as one of local control. In other words, the votes of the men who believe in local option, but who are against license, may be an important factor at the March meetings.

Congress will make an appropriation of \$153,000,000 for the maintenance of the postal service for the fiscal year beginning July 1. This is an increase of \$15,000,000 over a year ago and \$50,000,000 over two years ago. It is figured that the deficit in the postal service for the year will be only \$10,000,000. The appropriation for the important work of extending the rural delivery system is \$12,619,300, and it is probable that when this service is applied all over the country the expense will be \$10,000,000. A new class for 225 postal clerks will bring them annual salaries of \$1500, \$1000 more than any postal clerks receive at the present time, and the division superintendents of the railway mail service will be raised from \$2700 to \$3000.

Felix W. McGettrick, late Democratic candidate for governor, is a statesman (?) of the Mont Pelée type who is likely to have an eruption at any time. His mouth got to belching the other night when he tried to stop the nomination of a union municipal ticket in St. Albans. He characterized the action of the Republican and Democratic city committees in issuing a joint call as an "impudent proposition," "impudent arrogance," etc., and finally called on the "honest, consistent Democrats" to leave the hall, and about 50 were foolish enough to stalk out behind him, but the great majority remained and a union citizens' ticket for city officers was selected. The attempt to draw lines of national politics into the affairs of villages and municipalities the size of those in Vermont is always a mistake. By a united citizens' movement better public service is maintained and the local strife which engender bitterness and jealousy are avoided.

Lyndon in Caledonia county set up a claim recently as the banner church town in the United States with 10 churches and 3000 population, or a church to every 300 persons. Grandville, Mass., has put in a bid for distinction with a population of 1050 and four churches, or a church for every 262 inhabitants. Probably both towns are "church poor," just as men with large tracts of land of little value are said to be "land poor." There are too many churches in New England at the present time. With the great essential belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man predominant in the teachings of all churches it would be better in many cases to allow minor matters of creed to drop out of sight and for the people of small communities to learn in their religious work some of the lessons of the times which the industrial world is teaching and to get together. This is not an argument for a religious trust, but an expression of belief that one church unitedly and strongly supported by 1000 of population is a greater power for good than four churches struggling alone among the same number of people.

Vermonters in Boston. In a news item printed in The Phoenix last week it was stated that the Vermont Association of Boston had taken rooms for a permanent headquarters at the Westminster, on Copley Square, the literary and social centre of Boston. In an address delivered by Col. Josiah H. Benton, the new president of the association, at the annual banquet recently held, a statement was made of the purpose had in view in opening these headquarters. In the first place, the rooms are to be made an attractive meeting place for the members of the association and their friends, and it is hoped gradually to make them a repository for information of all kinds relating to the state of Vermont. The Vermont newspapers will be on file there, portraits of prominent Ver-

monters will adorn the walls, Vermont town and local histories, addresses and monographs relating to Vermont, and regimental and other histories recording Vermont's part in the war for the Union, will be gathered there, along with the public documents of the state, the reports of its colleges, schools, libraries and leading industries. It is the intention to make it a meeting place where visiting Vermonters may always find a cordial welcome, and besides this—and perhaps most important of all—the rooms will be an employment bureau, to the extent that young men and women from Vermont may register there, give their references, and be helped to situations or to carry out the work they may have in hand. The Boston association is unique among all of the many similar associations in the large cities of the country, and it is a practical as well as a social work which it has now undertaken, and one that is well worth the doing.

A Strong Point Gained.

It is a great triumph for American diplomacy that the Venezuelan complication has been amicably adjusted, and that all the parties in interest are content to refer their claims to The Hague court of arbitration. But outside of this fact, there is a gain for the United States in the outcome in a direction entirely unlooked for. This gain is in the distinct acknowledgment by Germany that the strength and influence of the United States had to be recognized as a controlling factor in these negotiations. It was an influence that could not be ignored or got around. In Berlin the German government was sharply criticized for yielding so many of its contentions and for tolerating the interference of the United States in this affair. In answer to these criticisms there was issued last week a semi-official statement which said, in substance, that the course pursued by Germany was the only course that was possible under the circumstances, the attitude of the United States being what it was.

Justification for this criticism does not exist when the consequences of the United States' participation are used as a basis for attacking the government. Means for eliminating the United States from the controversy of the European powers with Venezuela there were not, and there are not now. A statesman who had acted on this assumption would have lost the game from the start. Even if President Roosevelt and his advisers wanted to remain neutral, as they tried to do, American public opinion would have compelled them to aid Venezuela in resisting the claims of the European powers. It is not a question of the imaginary defects and weaknesses of German statesmanship, but of fixed, immutable facts, namely, that the United States had created a German-American complication in place of the German-Venezuelan incident.

This is a broad and unreserved acknowledgment of the fact that, with regard to all affairs which concern the states or governments of Central and South America, the power and influence of the United States have got to be taken into the account. A stronger affirmation and recognition than this from a European source of the underlying principle of the Monroe Doctrine could not have been secured.

It may be added here that Lord Balfour is quoted as saying, in a speech on a semi-public occasion in Liverpool Friday, that—

"The United States government had been taken into the confidence of his Majesty's government at every stage of the proceedings. The Monroe Doctrine had no enemies in England. It would be a great gain to civilization if the United States would more actively concern itself with arrangements to prevent the constantly recurring difficulties between the European powers and the South American governments by getting the latter to observe the principles of international courtesy."

The Hague Court.

The agreement to refer the Venezuelan dispute to the court of arbitration at The Hague calls attention to the composition of that tribunal. Four persons are selected by each of the signatory powers and enrolled as members of the court. These appointments are renewable at periods of six years. The record office of the court is at The Hague, and through it the proceedings for an arbitration are instituted. Each party to the dispute names two arbitrators, selected from the whole list, and these choose a fifth, or umpire. If they are unable to agree, provision is made for the choice of an umpire by a disinterested power or powers. The jurisdiction of the permanent court may be extended by agreement to non-signatory powers, as in the case of Venezuela. The American members of the court are: Chief Justice Fuller, Judge Gray, Mr. Griggs, the former Attorney General, and Oscar S. Straus, of New York, formerly Minister to Turkey.

A clergyman told his text How Samson was barbed and vexed; And told it so true That a man in a pew Got rattled, and shouted out "Next!" —[Smart Set.]

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